

Weekly Status & Information Report
February 18 - 22, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of February 25, 2013:

- City Council meeting, Monday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Committee on the Environment meeting, Monday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Ethics Commission meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, February 28, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Board of Elections meeting, Thursday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- City Manager Selection Task Force meeting, Thursday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

2. Composting Pilots: The City has begun two food waste collection pilot programs in partnership with GrowingSOUL and The Compost Crew. Program participants are able to separate food waste and food soiled paper products from their regular trash. These organic materials are collected weekly and taken to processing facilities to be turned into compost. The City established two separate pilots to evaluate different collection methods. The Growing SOUL pilot includes the neighborhood west of Piney Branch Road. The 65 participant limit has been met, so no additional participants can be accepted. The Compost Crew pilot includes residents on the Thursday trash collection route. That program has space available before reaching its 300 participants limit. Residents with Thursday trash collection may refer to the letter or post card previously sent to access the online registration. (Public Works)

3. Petites Chansons: Madam Marie returns tomorrow, Saturday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m. for Petites Chansons, a program of French songs and rhymes for young children. (Library)

4. New Ave Garden Grant - Deadline March 1: Grants fund long term improvements for your community to make a difference, from a small tree that is watered and cared for, to a full park renovation! To learn more and apply, contact the Planning Division at 301-891-7119 or see <http://www.theNewAve.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant> (<http://www.thenewave.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant>). (Housing and Community Development)

5. Home Owner and Renter 2013 Tax Credit Applications Are Available: The State of Maryland's tax credit programs are designed to help low income homeowners and renters by limiting the amount you must pay in property taxes. Homeowner and Renter Tax Credit applications must be filed before September 1, 2013 for the 2012 tax year. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Eligibility is based on household income. To obtain further information and an application, you can access the application on the state's website, <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html> or call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 (Housing and Community Development)

6. BuilderBee Kids: On Saturday, March 2, Amanda Faye Dowd, founder of BuilderBee Kids, will offer a free preview of her architecture classes and camps from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children ages 18 months to nine years and their grown-ups are invited to the event, IN WHICH KIDS WILL CREATE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS AND ART – RANGING FROM EASY TO CHALLENGING – WITH A VARIETY OF MATERIALS. Mr. Gabe will open the program with his original song, "BuilderBee Kids." Space is limited and registration is required. You may register at www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7258. (Library)

7. Friends Reading Group: On Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. the Friends Reading Group will introduce a series of discussions on James Joyce's "Ulysses," with a special lecture by Joyce scholar Colin Owens, Professor Emeritus of English Literature at George Mason University. His talk will take place in the Azalea Room. All are invited to attend the Friends Reading Group discussions. (Library)

8. Birthday Club: The Caldecott Birthday Club, a discussion group for all ages, will spend an evening devoted to Caldecott-winning books from the 1980s, and will read the just announced 2013 Caldecott winner! Join us in the Library at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, for this discussion. (Library)

9. Brand New Afternoon Addition Club: The Afternoon Addition program is pleased to announce its brand new Creative Writing Club. In this new club, current participants are asked to reach deep into their imagination and prepare writings that are both entertaining and fun. We use tools like music, experience, nature and silence to help capture the moment and produce little masterpieces. This club meets daily and is led by program staff. (Recreation)

10. Winter Basketball League: The Winter Basketball Season has been going great with over 600 registered. There are two weeks left in the season and the feedback we have received from parents and coaches about this season has all been positive and encouraging to our department. This feedback will help us continue to enhance the program in any way that we can. (Recreation)

11. Be Fit! Join the Fitness Room at Takoma Park Recreation Center!: The Takoma Park Recreation Center offers a Fitness Room for your work-out convenience. Purchase a membership today to use the state of the art equipment that we offer. We have stair climbers, ellipticals, treadmills, upright bikes and recumbent bikes. Work out now to be ready for the summer. Come and join the

fun. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

12. Suto Dance Continues to Go Strong: On Saturdays at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, Suto Dance offers classes in ballet, tap, jazz and street jam. Suto Dance provides a professional, well organized dance program, as well as a spectacular annual dance performance. These classes are fun, creative, trendy, and upbeat. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

13. Save the Date - Celebrate Takoma Festival - May 19, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.: The Recreation Department, along with some dedicated volunteers, will be hosting the first ever Celebrate Takoma Festival. We will spend the afternoon celebrating the cultural diversity of the city with food, merchandise, and community vendors as well as entertainment and games from around the world. If you are interested in vending, performing or would like to showcase a game passed down from generation to generation and are local to Takoma Park, please email celebratetakoma@takomagov.org or call 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

14. Spring Break Camp - Filling Up Fast!: Sign up today as there are only a few spaces left. Spring Break Camp will run from Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day. All participants must bring a bag lunch. For ages 5 - 11. Resident fee: \$140; non-resident fee \$160. Fee includes a trip to Rollingcrest pool and Botanical Gardens. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

15. Flag Football League: Flag football registration has begun and is taking off at a rapid pace. This is our inaugural Flag Football League that the Takoma Park Recreation Department has organized with the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club, so we are looking forward to having a large number of participants. Games will be played on Saturdays, starting April 13. Youth aged 6-14 will compete in a non-competitive, instructional, non-contact community league. To register or for more information, please visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

16. Adult Softball Registration: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is proud to present its 2013 Adult Softball league. This will be a co-ed league and is open to adults ages 16 and over. Games are played on Sundays. Both team and individual registrations are being accepted. Sign up today before it's too late! Registration has been ongoing and teams are now being formed. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

17. Summer Camp Registration - Opens March 15: Save the date!! Registration for all 2013 Summer Camps begins on Friday, March 15. Registration may be completed online, in person at the Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue), or at the Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue). You don't want to miss out on all the fun and exciting camps, such as art, drama, dance, sports, multi-media, science, and more. Scholarships are available to those Takoma Park residents that qualify. For additional information on our Summer Camp offerings, please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

18. Teen Spring Break Camp: Hey, teens, school's out for spring break (March 25-March 29), so what are you going to do with all of this valuable spare time? Ever wonder what type of profession will fit your future? During Career Week, we've invited a few professionals to stop by to guide participants in exploring some of today's hottest careers. Participants will receive insider advice on the knowledge and skills needed for success. Spend the mornings with our career introductions and the afternoons attending our break away trips like bowling, laser tag, and roller skating. The program will end with a bang as we attend Toby's Dinner Theatre on Friday evening in Baltimore to see The Wiz. Limited spaces are available. We will leave the Takoma Park Community Center at 4:00 p.m. and return at approximately midnight (show starts at 8:00 p.m.). Open to teens ages 13-17. Ticket cost is \$20 for Takoma Park residents; \$40 for non-Takoma Park residents. With this great price, we are sure spaces will fill up fast! For more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at LeiciaM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. Sign up now! (Recreation)

19. Teen Black College Expo: Decisions, decisions! Who has the best academics? Who has the best athletics? Should I stay on campus? How far is comfortable enough for me to travel? Jump on board as we visit the Black College Expo at Bowie State University. Teens ages 13-17 can join us on Saturday, March 30. The van leaves the Takoma Park Community Center at 9:00 a.m. Permission slips are needed in advance. Free for TP residents/\$10 non-TP residents. Sign up now! (Recreation)

20. Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge: Registration for the race is now open. To register, go to www.tkpk5k.com. Mail-in registration forms in English, Spanish and Amharic will be online. (Housing and Community Development)

21. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (February 15-21, 2013) may be viewed online at http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_21.html. (Police)

22. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 197 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic, three warrant service arrests from traffic and two vehicle impounds.

During February 14-21, 2013, the following details were completed:

February 14, 2013

- Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued no citations or warnings
- Fenton St & Takoma Ave (Observation) - conducted a 60 minute detail and issued nine warnings and one Safety

Equipment Repair Order (SERO)

February 15, 2013

- Philadelphia Ave & Holly Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement)- conducted a 30 minute detail and issued one warning and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO)
- Lincoln Ave & Elm Ave (Traffic Circle Enforcement)- conducted a 30 minute detail and issued one State citation and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO)
- Maple Ave & Philadelphia Ave (Redlight Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued no citations or warnings
- Erskine St & 13th Pl (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued two State citations

February 16, 2013

- Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued three State citations
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February 17, 2013

- Lincoln Ave & Elm Ave Traffic Circle Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued no citations or warnings
- Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued five State citations and one warning
- Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning
- New Hampshire Ave & Holton Ln (No U-Turn Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued no citations or warnings
- East West Hwy & New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader) - conducted a four hour detail and issued 16 State citations and 18 warnings

February 18, 2013

- Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued three State citations
- Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued four warnings and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO)
- Fenton St & Takoma Ave (Observation) - conducted a 90 minute detail and issued one State citations and 14 warnings

February 19, 2013

- Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 60 minute detail and issued seven State citations
- Hilltop Rd & Maple Ave (Do Not Enter Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued one State citation
- 6900 block New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader) - conducted a two hour detail and issued two State citations and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO)
- Erskine St & 13th Pl (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued one State citations and one warning

February 20, 2013

- Erskine St & 13th Pl (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning
- Erskine St & 13th Pl (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 60 minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings
- Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning
- Lincoln Ave & Elm Ave Traffic Circle Enforcement) - conducted a 30 minute detail and issued one warning
- 6900 block New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader) - conducted a 60 minute detail and issued six State citations

February 21, 2013

- 6900 block New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations. (Police)

23. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of February 11-14

State citations: 17

Calls for service: 11

Reports: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 10

Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 3

Warnings: 9

Warrant Arrests: 1

Foot Patrol: 2 hours

(Police)